



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

13th May 2022.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils – They've all worked really hard during this SATs week and I'm sure that they will get the results that they deserve.

Reading at Home

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Reading aloud to/with children is the best way to get them interested in reading. Please try to set aside ten minutes each day to read with your child – It will have an enormous impact on their social, emotional and academic development.

Outdoor Education Residential

It's been lovely to hear from Standon Bowers' staff who have been full of praise for our Year 5 pupils who spent the week camping there. Great to see that they have all been following our 'Werrington Way'. A huge 'Thank you' to staff who gave up their time to spend the week with the children.

Football

Congratulations to our boys and girls football teams who have both made it through to the Longton Town finals.

Reminder - Mobile Phones

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are only allowed to bring their phones into school under the following strict conditions:

- Their parents have signed the physical consent form
- The phones are switched off before they enter through the school gates and remain off until they exit the school gates
- They are making their own way to and/or from school and need the phone so that parents can check that they are safe

Any pupil who does not adhere to the policy will have their phone confiscated. Their phone must then be collected by a parent from the school office.

'Move Up' Day

Our 'move up day' takes place on Tuesday 5th July. This is the day when all of our children get to spend some time in their new class with their new teacher. On this day, year 6 pupils will spend their time with LMA, developing their teamwork and PE skills. Further details regarding the day, and details about which class your child will be moving into to, will be sent home nearer the time.

Half Term

School finishes for half term at 3:20pm on Friday 27th May. We return to school at 8:45am on **Tuesday 7th June**.

Holiday Activities

LMA will be hosting holiday activities at Werrington Primary School over the half term break – Details will be sent out soon.

National Walk to School Week.

This year's National Walk to School Week will be taking place from Monday 16th May - Friday 20th May and Werrington Primary School are participating! Our pupils will be joining thousands of children across the country celebrating the benefits of walking. Over 50% of pupils at our school walk to school, but we know even more families could benefit from walking as it makes us feel happier, healthier as well as helps to reduce pollution and congestion around our school. Please do your best to encourage your child to walk to school every day next week.



Collection of Children

We understand that from time to time you may not be able to collect your child yourself and may nominate another family member or friend to do so. In these instances it is vital that you phone the office (before the children are dismissed) to let us know who will collect your child. This information will then be passed on to your child's class teacher. Under our safeguarding procedures, teaching staff have strict instructions not to let children go with anyone who is not listed on the child collection form. If someone that is not known to the teacher comes to collect your child but we have not been informed in advance, your child will not be released to that person until the teaching staff have dismissed all the children and asked the office to call you as the parent/carer to establish whether that person is allowed to collect your child. This process can take time and be inconvenient for all involved, therefore we ask you to let us know about any changes before the end of the school day. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Health

We have been alerted that there has been a rise in cases of chickenpox and scarlet fever. Please contact the school if your child is diagnosed with one of these infectious diseases. For NHS advice about chickenpox or scarlet fever, please click the links below:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos; tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



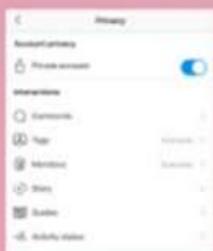
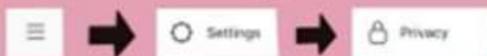
Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



Instagram



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers
(recommended: on)

COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



TikTok



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers
(recommended: on)

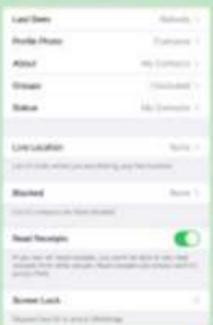
SAFETY: TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts
(recommended: friends)

COMMENT FILTERS: you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in
(recommended: on)

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



WhatsApp



PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS: You can change who can see a profile photo and status
(recommended: my contacts)

GROUPS: allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups
(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)

BLOCKED: can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



Snapchat



CONTACT: decide who can message you and send you snaps
(recommended: my friends)

VIEW MY STORY: restrict who can see your story
(recommended: my friends)

GHOST MODE: if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map
(recommended: on)

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more

Together we succeed.